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RALEIGH, N. C.,

For the Year ending January 1st, 1881.

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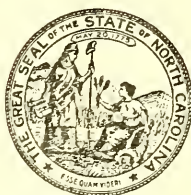
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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

*To the Officers and Teachers of the Sunday School
of the First Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C.:*

I beg leave to make the following annual report:

LIBRARY.

We have added a large number of useful books within the last year, and have expended a considerable sum in changing our book cases and desks. The report of our skilled librarian shows that we now have nearly 1800 volumes of all kinds of books, and that they have, as a rule, been promptly returned by their hundreds of readers. The thanks of the school are due to Mr. Clawson and his assistants for their skilful management of our large library. His report is herewith filed.

CITY MISSION.

That the poor of our city and vicinity might more certainly have the "gospel preached unto them," the teachers thought it wise to employ, in connection with the Swain street Baptist church, brother J. K. Howell, who, during the year, spent most of his time in preaching, visiting, holding prayer-meetings and distributing the "Word" to the destitute of the city and neighborhood—those in prison have had the Gospel preached unto them, and the widow and the fatherless have been visited. In this city mission work our brother Howell labored with his accustomed zeal and energy, and the good accomplished will never be fully known until the secrets of all hearts are revealed at the last day.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

During the past year our promising young brother C. S. Farris finished the course of study at Wake Forest College with credit to himself and honor to our school, and is now at our Seminary in Louisville, Ky., preparing himself for his high calling—a minister of the ever blessed Gospel of Peace. If his life and health are spared we may reasonably expect that the Master will make him abundantly useful in His vineyard. May we at a throne of grace ask and expect for him a career of great usefulness.

NUMBERS.

The whole number of officers, teachers and scholars on our rolls amount to 525, classed as follows: Officers, 12; teachers, 23; scholars, 490.

Of the thirty-six received into the church within the last year by profession of faith in Christ, twenty-three were from the Sunday school.

The average attendance we are unable to give, on account of omissions at the Secretary's desk, which we hope will not occur again, as it seems to us the school is entitled to *full* returns every Sunday.

ANNUAL PIC-NIC.

Our annual pic-nic, by invitation, was held at Wake Forest College, under the financial management of our efficient Assistant Superintendents and other good workers, with our great organizer, Col. L. L. Polk, as Chief Marshal. Little more than \$300 in money was expended, and a day of rest and real pleasure was enjoyed by nearly three thousand Sunday School workers, representing more than twenty schools. Notwithstanding the large number carried by the railroad company, and the necessarily crowded condition

of the cars, no accident occurred, and under the excellent management of the chairman of the transportation department, Capt. John Horton, the trains were moved with a regularity and precision that elicited praise from all who enjoyed the innocent festivities of that joyous occasion.

OUR CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

Our annual Christmas festivities commenced on Wednesday night, the 22d of December, in this room by a most admirable scioptican exhibition, gotten up with much care by brethren J. C. Marcom and W. N. Jones, efficiently aided by the church choir, who rendered many pieces of appropriate music in such a style as to give great pleasure to the crowded audience of Sunday school workers and scholars.

The entire performance was such as to give to the school an evening of unusual enjoyment.

The second entertainment of the series was a sociable at Tucker Hall on Thursday night, December 23d, intended to bring together, in social intercourse, all our church and Sunday school people of the city. It was not as largely attended as we had hoped for; still very many of our people gave us the pleasure of their company, and Dr. Skinner, our pastor, delivered an address on the modern Sunday school, which was listened to with marked attention, after which the poet laureate of the occasion—Gov. Holden—gave us, in blank verse, a most excellent synopsis of our international lessons for the last six months of the past year. The exercises were enlivened by music by our most excellent Sunday school choir.

The third and last night of the entertainment was "Our Christmas Grove" in Tucker Hall, Friday night, December 24th, which was enjoyed by as many of our good people as could crowd into the building. This entertainment was opened by prayer by Prof. Royal of our College. After which we had short and instructive addresses on the past

year's international lessons by Bro. W. N. Jones on the first quarter; Bro. W. J. Peel on the second quarter; Bro. S. W. Brewer on the third quarter; and Bro. John E. Ray on the fourth quarter. After which we were much entertained by the younger people, who, under the leadership of Mrs. Dodd, gave us "my once fat pocket-book" and "Little Mabel." The wee-one, little Lizzie Norwood Briggs, repeated "The night before Christmas," to the great delight of the audience. After which we had excellent music by the Sunday school choir, led by Bro. John E. Ray and Miss Etta Briggs. Then came the bright, beautiful Christmas trees with their loads of fruits and candies, which were enjoyed by the multitude, especially the younger portion, who are still firmly of the opinion that no trees were ever brighter or bore sweeter fruit. But the brightest and best of all their productions were the many hundreds of packages of flour, meal and other substantials, which for days during this hard winter have gladdened the hearts of many of those, of whom our blessed Saviour said, "ye have always with you."

INFANT CLASS.

Under the untiring and zealous management of Brother and Sister Dodd, this important department of our School, which ten years since only numbered a dozen, numbers on its class-roll 215, having—

Lost by death in the last year.....	1
By removals.....	22
By graduation	27
	—
In all.....	50

And in the meantime received 60 new scholars.

No words that we can command are sufficient to convey to you our opinion of the great importance of the Infant Class department of Sunday-school work, or the efficiency, patience, love and zeal of this pair of workers, who have,

by years of toil and labors of love, built up our own Infant Class from nothing to its present grand proportions. The full extent and beneficence of their labors among the small children of our city are known only to Him who numbereth our hairs; still enough is seen to make us ask, in the name of Him who said "Suffer little children to come unto me," that their useful lives may long be spared unto us, and that many new and efficient friends may be raised up to aid them in their grand work. Mr. Dodd's annual report is herewith filed.

INTERMEDIATE CLASS.

The good work accomplished in this department has fully justified its establishment, and shown the importance of training the graduates from the Infant Class for one year, at least, before bringing them into the Main School.

In order that these "little learners," whose minds and characters are being so rapidly formed, might want for nothing, we consented to almost entirely dispense with the active aid, during school hours, of one of our able Assistant Superintendents, Brother T. Henry Briggs, as it seemed impossible to find any other so well fitted for this highly important and difficult position. He not only leads in the singing in his room, but at the same time plays on the organ, thus dispensing with the services of an assistant.

The prompt attendance and progress of the class fully attest the faithful, patient labors of its prompt painstaking teacher. His report is herewith filed.

THE MAIN SCHOOL

has been principally under the immediate management of Brother W. H. Pace, who has been uniformly present in good season, and who has promptly, as far as possible, repaired the damage occasioned by absent or tardy teachers.

We think that in the main the teaching in this department

has been more searching and thorough, and that the commended Bereans, who searched the Scriptures daily, have been more and more imitated, and one of the results of this, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has been the adding of 23 more of our number to the church of Christ.* While we thank the Giver of all good for this great manifestation of his love and favor, still we are not satisfied with the progress the school has made. While many classes have been uniformly full and manifested great interest in our International Lessons, others have been spasmodic in their attendance, allowing a wet morning, or other trivial cause, to keep them away from school. As a rule, this want of promptness, we think, is caused by an irregular or tardy attendance of the teachers.† We have never known the interest of a class to long survive either the tardy or irregular attendance of the teacher. They who would render efficient service to the Master in this department of labor must make whatever sacrifice is required to enable them to be in their places regularly and promptly at the hour of the Sunday School meeting. Any other course, as a rule, however satisfying it may be to their conscience, makes them only “cumberers of the ground.” And as a rule, the teachers succeed who give enough of their time to the Master’s work to visit their scholars on week days and meet them promptly on Sunday. We know there are many discouragements in the work. The indifference of many who are as favorably situated to engage in it as ourselves, who profess to love the same Saviour, and who with us are bound by the most solemn vows of fidelity to His cause, and sometimes the want of interest on the part of those we are trying to teach, greatly dampen our ardor; sometimes misunderstood and may be misrepresented by those who ought to stand “shoulder to shoulder”

* Since the above was written, 22 more of our Sunday School scholars have united with our church, and five others await baptism.

† This want of promptness is the exception, and applies to only two or three, while as a rule our teachers are prompt, earnest and faithful.

with us in this great battle. Still all discouragements are more than overbalanced by the thought that we belong to a mighty invincible army, whose true and tried soldiers are numbered by millions, whose battle-flag is that of King Emanuel, whose battle-cry is "Through Christ we conquer!" whose comfort is that the great Captain of the Host himself hath said, "And lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

DEATH

has entered every department of our school. From the Infant Class, in the words of brother Dodd, little Lena Ellis joined the "lambs of the upper fold." From the "Intermediate Class," he claimed little Lorena Crawford. And from the main school he took the youthful and beautiful wife, sister Ida Fuller. And notwithstanding the strength of their young manhood, he also called for brothers Parham and Jones—admonishing us, that what we do here for the Master must be done "quickly." But the Sunday School workers, who hath hope in the death of those who die in the Lord, will take comfort in the thought that notwithstanding the forbidding appearance of this ruthless one, who takes alike the young and the old, that still he too is the servant of One who loves us; and though these calls are wonderfully mysterious and dark to us, still they are all made in love and mercy, and with these dear ones our loss is truly their gain.

EXPENDITURES.

If we add to the \$1,011.45 expenditures reported by the Treasurer, \$300.00 for annual picnic and estimated amount of \$400.00 expended on our Christmas Grove including substantials, and also the amount spent during the year in caring for our little ones through Mrs. Dodd, we have the

round sum of \$1,700. The principal items of which, in addition to those stated, are \$480.00 for books, papers and other Sunday School helps, improvements to our book cases and table, \$50.00; city mission, \$220.00, and ministerial education, \$222.00.

FINANCIAL.

The large sums expended during the past year have been raised as follows:

Special promises made and paid by 38 prominent friends and classes,.....	\$ 669 40
Special promises paid by 18 friends for Ministerial Education,.....	95 00
Sunday School collection for same,.....	10 49
Sunday morning class collections,	258 94
Special collections from the school and its friends for Annual Picnic, Christmas Grove, including contributions and Sunday School charity,	700 00
Total,.....	\$ 1,732 92

The Treasurer reports in his hands \$56.14.

It may seem out of place for a retiring officer to make recommendations: still we venture to make the following, viz:

1st. As to finance, that confiding in the love, faith and continued prosperity of those who so generously aided the work last year, we ask them to give us a like amount to secure the needed funds to push forward the work of the Master through the year, upon which we are just entering.

2d. That relying on these friends, we secure for the school the very best papers, Quarterlies, and other lesson helps.

3d. That with a view to greater efficiency, the officers and teachers come together more frequently for prayer, study and conference.

5th. That the teachers make monthly reports of the at-

tendance, progress and spiritual condition of their respective classes, and that each of them, at the end of the year, make a special report, to be filed with the other reports of the school.

6th. That a committee of three be appointed, who shall be known as the "Prompt Attendance Committee," whose duty it shall be to look after tardy and irregular scholars, and who shall make quarterly reports to the school.

7th. As a Sunday School can only be prosperous in proportion to its activity and aggressiveness, we recommend that a committee of three of our most active and zealous young men be appointed, whose duty it shall be to find out, as far as possible, the names of those in the city who do not attend Sunday School, and report their names and residences to the school.

8th. Having been so greatly blessed in our past educational effort, would it not be well for us to extend aid to one or two of our worthy young men, whose usefulness would be so greatly enlarged by educational advantages?

9th. And finally, that as far as possible, we encourage our young men to give their full strength to this great work, and that we add one of their number to the corps of Superintendents, and thus relieve one whom you have honored by another election, but who is entirely unfitted for the situation, especially on account of being out of the city so much. The successful Superintendent, like the successful Teacher, must be prompt and regular in his attendance. Such officers and teachers every school is entitled to, and should insist upon having them.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, let me thank you all, pastor, officers, teachers and scholars, for your uniform kindness to me personally; for your zeal in the great cause in which we are engaged; for the high honor you have conferred in again

electing me to the office of Superintendent—an office which I would be glad to fill to the very best of my ability, if I could be with you every Sunday: not being able to do this, it seems to me that my duty to you and the cause compels me to decline. With a heart full of love and sympathy for the pastor, the officers, the teachers, and the scholars, I am,

Very truly yours,

J. M. HECK.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

RALEIGH, N. C., January 23d, 1881.

J. M. HECK, *Superintendent, &c.*:

DEAR BROTHER:—As teacher of “The Intermediate Department,” it devolves on me at this time to report as to its condition.

Number of scholars received from Infant Class as graduates, 27; number removed from city, 3; number removed by death (Lorena Crawford), 1.

Nearly all of these scholars have been very punctual in attendance. We began studying “Peep of Day” and completed it by January 1st, since which time we have been using “The Intermediate Lesson Quarterly,” by Am. Bap. Pub. Society, and find it an excellent help to the study of God’s Word. All the class have Bibles of their own and we trust will prove careful Bible students. We trust under God that this Department may be a blessing to His cause.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. BRIGGS, JR., Teacher.

INFANT CLASS DEPARTMENT.

SALISBURY STREET BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL,
Raleigh, January 1, 1881.

To Bro. J. M. HECK, Superintendent :

In our last report, (January, 1st, 1880,) we reported 203 names on our class roll. Since that time, death has claimed one of our scholars—on the 21st day of October, 1880, little Lena Ellis joined “the lambs of the upper fold.” This is the only death we have to report during the year. So we have lost by death,..... 1

Moved away,..... 22

Graduated,..... 25

Total,..... 48

This reduced our number to 155; but we have received during the year 60 new scholars, and to-day our class roll numbers 215. On account of sickness and inclement weather our average attendance has been quite small. For a report of our finances, we refer you to the report of the Treasurer of the Sunday School.

Very respectfully,

W. H. DODD, Supt.

*Report of the Librarian of the Salisbury Street Baptist Sunday
School, January 15th, 1881 :*

As your Librarian, I beg to make the following report of
books now on hand :

Bibles,..... ..	123
Testaments,..... ..	106
Singing books—Songs of Gratitude,.....	101
Singing books—Golden Light,.....	166
Singing books—Christmas Annual,.....	60
Reading books,.....	1,166
Reading books now loaned to teachers and scholars,..... ..	58
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Making in all,	1,780 vols.
Respectfully,	
C. C. CLAWSON, Librarian,	

REPORT OF TREASURER.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Christmas Entertainment, 1879,.....	\$ 2 75
Horton, Henry	10 00
Pool, Hewell.....	1 00
Hood, W. H.	5 00
Pritchard, J. P.....	5 00
Library Fund	85 90
Holden, W. W., (class).....	15 00
Watson, F. A.....	11 75
Skinner, T. E	100 00
Marcom, J. C.....	2 50
Kelly, J. A.....	10 00
Wyatt, J. P.....	5 00
Hampton, Jno. S.....	5 00
Joyner, J. D	10 00
Parker, M. A.....	25 00
Briggs, Mrs. T. H	5 00
Pace, W. H	25 00
Justice, David.....	5 00
Allen, S. J.....	5 00
Holden, W. W.....	15 00
Royster, W. I	5 00
Hardie, P. C	5 00
Swepson, Mrs. V. B	5 00
Newcombe, Chas.....	5 00
Bagwell, L. C.....	5 00
Ray, John E.....	10 00
Allen, G. M.....	5 00
Purefoy, J. W.....	5 21
Thomas, J. J.....	25 00
Upchurch, W. G.....	25 00
Williamson, B. P.....	25 00
Heck, J. M.....	25 00
Blake, John C.....	10 00
Tucker, W. H.....	50
Pic-Nic Fund,.....	23 33

Thompson, J. W	5 00
Brewer, S. W.....	10 00
Briggs, T. H., Jr.....	25 00
Womble, Jordan.....	5 00
Pullen, John T.....	10 00
Jones, W. N	5 00
Norris, S. B.....	5 00
Polk, L. L	5 00
Edwards, C. B	25 00
Briggs, Jas. A.....	10 00
Dodd, W. H.....	25 00
Infant Class.....	10 00
Pritchard, J. P., (class).....	1 55
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	\$ 669 49

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Amount received from classes.....	10 49
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SPECIAL.

Heck, J. M.....	10 00
Vass, W. W.....	10 00
Holden, W. W.....	10 00
Williams, Alf.....	10 00
Briggs, F. H.....	10 00
Horton, Henry	5 00
Nowell, J. J.....	2 00
Neathery, J. B.....	2 00
Purefoy, John	1 00
Wyatt, Job.....	1 00
Wyatt, John.....	1 00
Edwards, J. Q.....	1 00
Upchurch, W. G.....	5 00
Kelly, J. A	1 00
Pace, W. H	2 50
Denmark, J. W.....	2 50
Joyner, J. D	1 00
Skinner, T. E.....	20 00
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	\$ 105 49

AMOUNTS PAID FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Repairs and improvements in Sunday School room,.....	\$ 79 78
Kind Words and Our Little Ones,.....	153 75
Singing Books,.....	32 50
Black Boards, 1880 and 1881.....	27 50
Ladies Work Society,.....	46 53
Library Books, &c.....	98 50
Printing and Stationery,.....	63 65
Rev. J. K. Howell, City Missionary,.....	220 00
George Caldwell, Sexton,.....	48 00
Miscellaneous Expenses,.....	20 04
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	\$ 790 25

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand January 1, 1880,	\$ 26 33
Collection, Incidental Expenses, from classes,.....	264 73
Collection, Ministerial Education.....	105 49
Collection, Special Subscription.....	669 49
Balance from Christmas Tree entertainment.....	7 34
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	\$1,073 38

DISBURSEMENTS.

Amount paid for Sunday School Expenses.....	\$ 790 25
Amount paid for Ministerial Education,	222 00
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	\$1,012 25
Balance on hand January 1, 1881,.....	\$ 61 13

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE G. HARRELL,
Treasurer.

OUR MOTTO :

PRAYER,

FAITH,

HARD WORK

AND

LIBERAL GIVING.

FIRST BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL,

RALEIGH, N. C.

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Teachers for 1881.

Main School.

JOHN ARMSTRONG,	J. H. ALFORD,
MRS. T. H. BRIGGS, JR.,	MRS. JNO. D. BRIGGS,
MISS ETTIE H. BRIGGS,	MRS. S. W. BREWER,
MRS. O. T. FELT,	R. D. FLEMING,
MISS MARY E. HICKS,	MISS FANNIE E. HECK,
W. W. HOLDEN,	E. G. HARRELL,
HENRY HORTON,	MRS. ANNIE JUSTICE,
W. N. JONES,	J. C. MARCOM,
MISS MAGGIE H. PERRY	W. J. PEELE,
J. P. PRITCHARD, JR.,	P. F. PESCUDE,
JOHN E. RAY, (Stranger's Class,)	MRS. G. W. SWEPSON,
JORDAN WOMBLE, JR.	

Intermediate Department.

T. H. BRIGGS, JR.

Infant Class.

W. H. DODD, SUP'T.

MRS. W. H. DODD,

C. W. NEWCOMB.



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